

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Katsuhiko IMAI Conf. No. 6036  
Serial No.: 10/717,216 Group Art Unit: 3637  
Filing Date: November 19, 2003 Examiner: Phi Dieu Tran A  
For: RC BUILDING SEISMIC REINFORCEMENT METHOD UTILIZING  
STEEL PORTAL FRAMES WITHOUT BRACES

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Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the species election requirement stated in the Office Action dated  
March 21, 2006 the applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species of Figure 2.

The applicant believes that claims 8-11 are readable thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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